



Inter Department Correspondence Sheet

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Health, Education and Families Committee

December 18, 2015

Attached are the minutes from the Health, Education and Families Committee meetings held December 15, 2015.

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## **NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

### **HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Smigiel, Ms. Graves, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Whibley, City Clerk Breck Daughtrey and City Attorney Bernard Pishko. Mayor Paul Fraim arrived at 4:30p.m.

From the School Board: Rodney Jordan, chair and Reverend Ed Haywood.

Opening remarks were offered by co-chairs Mr. Smigiel and Dr. Whibley. Discussion ensued on the process by which committee and school board meetings will proceed and what items will be discussed and how agendas will be developed. A focal point was how the Council and the board can better collaborate on developing the school system's budget.

Mr. Jordan suggested a joint meeting with Council on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m. He also suggested that in addition to presentations from the schools during joint meetings, that the City have a presentation as well, and that discussions should be kept at the policy level.

Ms. Johnson suggested having the five new schools as a meeting topic.

Dr. Whibley stated she does not want meetings to be information meetings with PowerPoint presentations; that the meetings should be discussions about what Norfolk Public School initiatives are and what that means financially to the City.

Following discussion on topic areas, Mr. Smigiel noted four agenda items: 1) the five new schools; 2) teacher raises; 3) CTE school; and 4) federal aid.

Mayor Fraim recommended having a presentation on federal impact aid by a woman who presented at a recent Military Economic Development Committee meeting.

Dr. Whibley asked for financial graphs of the City and schools to be congruent.

Mr. Smigiel recommended a discussion on housing policy as a topic for the next meeting in terms of new housing's impact on the school system.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.